

# THE PARISH COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER FOR FALUN/SALEMSBORG LUTHERAN PARISH

FEBRUARY 2008

## Pastors notes

How much do we need God? Lately, it seems, that I have been asking that question a lot. The answer I get from that question is also, "a lot!"

Life can be so complicated. There are so many things that can go "wrong." There are so many choices that we need to make. There are so many lives that touch our life. The world is not as big as it used to be. It seems that every time I turn around, something inside of me takes note on how much we need God. We need God's grace and forgiveness. We need God's courage and strength. We need God's love and patience. We need the hope that only God can give. We need the faith God puts into our hearts. And it's not just in this life, we need God after this life is done. Yes, we need God!!!!

On February 6th, Ash Wednesday, the Lenten season begins. The journey that reminds us how much we need God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are marked with Ashes to remind us of our humanity and that we will die one day. We partake in the Lord's Supper to remind us of God's love for us as shown in Jesus' death. During Lent, we will have Midweek Lenten Suppers and Service to remind us of how much we do need God!

I hope and pray that the Lenten Journey that we all will take some how some way will touch our hearts. I hope and pray that it will help us to remember how much we do need God. I hope and pray that it will be time for renewal and a time of vision. I hope that all of us are touched by the Holy Spirit and blessed!

How much do we need God? A lot!!!!

God's Peace, Pastor Ethan

### Confirmation Class

Our next Confirmation class will be held on Sunday, February 3 from around 12:30 p.m. through 5:30 pm. We will be discussing the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We may also bake a little communion bread. Youth are asked to bring drinks to share, a writing utensil and their Bible.

### Salemsborg Lutheran Mission Statement

"We at Salemsborg have so benefited from the gifts of God's love, peace, strength and joy through Jesus, that we seek to share these same gifts with others in grateful response!"

### Falun Lutheran Mission Statement

"As children of God, we strive to love, care for, and inspire one another as we extend the grace of Christ to all."

### Parish Picture Directory

Everyone who regularly attends worship at Falun and/or Salemsborg are asked to sign up for pictures for our Parish Directory. When you sign up, you are asked to check the current information we have for you on record. You are also asked to take a handout as a reminder and as information on what to wear for your pictures. You can have your picture taken at either congregation. Pictures at Falun will be taken Feb. 28 from 3-9pm, at Salemsborg Feb. 29 from 3-9pm and March 1 from 10am to 5pm.

### Installation of Officers

The installation of all those elected at the annual meetings will be held Sunday, February 3rd during the morning worship services.

### Ash Wednesday Service

Our parish Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Falun Lutheran on February 6th beginning at 7:00 pm. There will be the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Throughout the Lenten Season, we will then gather at the Salemsborg Fellowship Center for our midweek Lenten suppers and services. Supper will begin at 6:30 pm and will be hosted by different Salemsborg council committees. A free-will offering will be taken at each supper. Please plan to attend this times of breaking of the Bread and sharing of the Word, you will be blessed through them.

### New Baby

Congratulations to Brenton & Anna Anderson on the birth of their son, Marik Lee on December 4, 2007. He weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz and was 21 inches long. He joins big sister Brynna to the family. Grandparents are Warren & Debbie Johnson. Great grandparents are Dave & Nancy Anderson.

### Baptism at Salemsborg

Congratulations Harper Bauer on your baptismal day, January 13, 2008! This is the day God washes you and marks you with the Cross of Christ forever. Harper's parents are Chris and Amie Bauer and Gracy is her sister. Her sponsors are Bob and Kathy Miley. God bless everyone that all may grow in faith. We, as fellow members of the Body of Christ, are here for all of you!

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## Parish Notes

We want to extend our special thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas Program this year. Your flexibility and support in dealing with unavoidable obstacles was greatly appreciated. All of your help made it so much easier....we couldn't have done it without you! Becky Pihl & Nita Kay Carlson

**Worship/music** committee met Sunday, January 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Salemsborg.

**Theophilus** was held January 13th at the Roets' starting at 6:30pm. Tacos are being served. The meat will be provided. Folks brought whatever topping they liked to put on or a dessert. Also, they brought a White Elephant gift to exchange.

**Thanks to** Greg and Ky Nichols for providing the chili and rolls for dinner for the confirmation youth; Thanks to all the other parents who provided the snacks, etc. We had a good day and hopefully the Spirit lead and faith grew. Thanks everyone!

**Thanks to all** who brought their old glasses and donated them to the Lions Club. They will be used to help many others who are in need and cannot afford glasses.

**We need you** to volunteer pictures of Parish events for the Directory. They will be cut up so you won't be getting them back. We ask you attach with a paper clip a piece of paper describing from what event they were taken.

**Falun is accepting** our yearly bids for a groundskeeper. For job details and information, please contact Necie Stambaugh-Tubbs or Randy Madden by January 20th!

**Please mark** the dates of January 21, 26 & 27 for the Parish United Youth Group. They are in the fundraiser mode. The National Youth Gathering is coming so they are available to clean up your yard of detached, loose limbs. We will do the broken limbs still on the tree to the best of our abilities. We will charge according to the job, but the minimum fee is \$100.00. If that is a problem for you financially, please talk to a sponsor. You can sign up with Kellie today, or call her at home. The work will be done on a first come first serve basis. Thank you for your continued support of the Youth.

**The Noisy Offering** at Falun for the month of February will be the Tammy Walker Cancer Center.

**Salemsborg will continue** their noisy offering on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Any funds left over after the final completion of the Fellowship Center will be used toward a major maintenance project on the church building.

**If you need to contact** Donna Swanson with information for the bulletin or newsletter, you can call 668-2600 or email her at [donlee@hometelco.net](mailto:donlee@hometelco.net). Thanks

**If you would like** to access information regarding Bethany College and/or events taking place there go to [www.bethanylb.edu](http://www.bethanylb.edu) on the web

### Money Action Program

The First Baptist Church in Lindsborg will host a special meeting to help folks optimize spending and saving with a special debt reduction module on Feb 9th from 5:30-8:00pm. Supper is included with reservations at 785-906-1025. Program presented by Shara McMichael, Director of Education *Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Inc.* through a Grant from the Lindsborg/DN Fund.

**Please contact Pastor Ethan or Donna Swanson if there are names that can be removed from our prayer list.**

**Contact them as well if you would like to add someone**

We remember in prayer those who have been brought to our attention: Sue Pihl, Carol Brown, Robert Buhler, Jennifer Hoffmans, Jennifer Applequist, Dolly Nelson, Ed Dippel,

Leann Marr, Vickie Everhardt, Allen Nicholson, Paul Brown, Larry Lamer, Sgt. 1st Class Eddy Carranza, Stacey Anderson, Tom Hollopeter, Harry Sandahl, Pat Anderson, Melinda Ho,

the Tunison family, Jim Gooch, Evelyn Peterson's daughter Kathy, Luke & Tabitha Peterson, Lois Peterson, Anita Neilson and her family, Valerie Rush, Gerald Walter, Mary Tillberg's aunt, Pastor Steven Little, Leigh Heller, Norma Oborg, Joan Garman, Bill Robinson, families in conflict, Kathy Sadey, Deb Meyers, Jade Pihl, Janet Rowland, Diane Williams, Carolyn Johnson, Marjorie Oleen, Viola Miller, Karen Miller, Rosella Oleen, Irene Dauer. We also pray for many unspoken requests.

If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize. Please let us know so we can include them next time.

### Messiah Festival Tickets

Tickets are on sale for the 2008 Messiah Festival of Music and Art at Bethany College March 16-23. This year, in addition to performances of Handel's *Messiah* and Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, the festival will include a number of special events: March 19; Narrative Theater workshop, March 19; Organ demonstration by Melody Steed, March 20; Lecture on oratory by Dr. Michael Shasberger; March 22: Theater production: *Las Casas, Tears of the Indians*. For a full schedule of the week's events, visit [www.bethanylb.edu/messiah](http://www.bethanylb.edu/messiah). Special rates are available for students, seniors, churches and tour groups. Call Bethany College's Messiah Manager at 785-227-3380 ext. 8132. Tickets for these categories will be offered at the lowest price regardless of location in the auditorium.

### Food Bank Sunday

**Food Bank Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. Below is a list of items suggested as possible donations each month. However, any item you would like to give will be greatly appreciated. A basket is**

**located next to the front door of the church for your convenience.**

January--shampoo

**February--Ramen Noodles**

March--canned meat stew

April--coffee & tea bags

May--sugar

June--baking mixes

July--instant potatoes

August--dish soap

September--tooth brushes & toothpaste

October--toilet paper

November--salt & pepper

December--laundry soap



## W/ELCA NEWS

### Salemsborg wELCA

The Sewing/Quilting group met January 10, 2008, completing five quilts with four others in the process of tying. A potluck meal was served at noon with the business meeting following. Acknowledgements were communicated with thanks for poinsettias delivered to five individuals. Additional letters were read from Red Cross and DVACK for the quilts given in 2007.

The group decided to distribute Thank Offering boxes to women of the congregation who wish to participate in this "Act Boldly" project this year.

The Bingo activity at Bethany Home was announced for Monday, January 14th, with the ladies to assist.

The Salems borg W/ELCA Sewing day for February has been changed to February 21st from the 14th. Please make note of this on your calendars.

The Esther Group ladies and their spouses will be dining out on Saturday, February 16th. We will meet at Brookville Hotel in Abilene for a reservation at 7:15 p.m. For those of you wanting to attend, please let Anna Anderson (785-212-0347) know as soon as possible so that she can include you in the reservation numbers. The cost is \$13.50 per person. This does not include drinks or gratuity. Even if you have not been attending our regular monthly meetings, you are welcome to join us for the fun evening of food and fellowship.

### Falun Lutheran Women

Falun Lutheran Women will be held on February 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dessert to share with our members and friends at Bethany Home. Mark your calendars for March 9th--Pancake Day! Quilting will be held at Bethany Home on February 25th and on March 24th.



### Salemsborg Choir

Anyone that enjoys singing is welcome to join the choir as they start the spring season. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the church basement. Child care will be provided. The choir will usually sing two times per month through the end of May. Join us as we give of our time and talent to the glory of God!

### Boy Scout Spaghetti Feed

You are invited to a Boy Scout Spaghetti Feed on February 3rd from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Bethany Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Please help support Troop 120 in celebrating their 50th Anniversary!

### Thank You

"Dear Friends, We are truly grateful for the food that you donated. With your help and caring we are able to help others through the holidays and into the winter months. May God bless you and yours. Sincerely, Emergency Aid/Food Bank"

### Note from Kathy Gordon

It has been my pleasure to be Salemsborg's Adult Choir Director for the past year and a half. My goal was to provide good church music which was uplifting and beautiful. In June of '07, I took the organist position at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. They agreed to change their worship service from 11 am to 9 am beginning in 2008. As an older congregation, the change was harder than they imagined. Changes were also brewing in my own family. On Christmas Eve, my daughter announced she was having a baby!

I needed to make a decision, and quickly. The right decision for everyone is for me to remain at Incarnation, resigning my directorship effectively immediately. *And*, I'm moving back to Plano, Texas, this summer to become a very involved grandma!

I try not to take wonderful things for granted. I am very appreciative for the opportunity to serve this beautiful church. I will miss it greatly. I will miss the Kansas experience, my Brookville country house, the Angus beef, the deer, pheasants, my woodpeckers and cardinals and the rolling country hills and the exquisite ride into town. I'll miss the stars on top of Chapel Hill Road after choir on Wednesday nights the most. I'll even miss the cold and snow...all the while remembering that in Plano I could often go swimming on late October days! I'd love to hear from you, so write me at [ablegordon@yahoo.com](mailto:ablegordon@yahoo.com).

*"Ofentimes I dream of music, of the river in Judea that freely flows, that my soul cries out to know, it's a singing, ringing river, that my soul cries out to know. May the time not be too distant, when we meet by the river... 'til then... dream of that wonderful day, as we sing once more!"*

Joyfully! Kathy Gordon

### Augustana Heritage Association

In 1860, Scandinavians in America founded the Augustana Lutheran Church. In 2008, nearly 150 years later, the "Children of Augustana" are gathering from across America to celebrate this heritage. You are invited to join this celebration and enjoy the stories and inspiration of this family of faith. June 19-22, 2008 are the dates and Lindsborg, Kansas is the place. The event will be held in conjunction with the long-standing traditional Lindsborg Midsommer's Day Celebration. For more information, contact Pastor Richard Monson at 620-241-6003 or see the website [www.augustanaheritage.org](http://www.augustanaheritage.org).

### Theophilus Super Bowl Party

Annual Theophilus Super Bowl Party will be held down in the Fellowship Center on Super Bowl Sunday! We ask all those who plan to attend to bring a snack to share for the big game. You may also want to bring a comfortable chair to sit in.

### Receipts from Scott's

Receipts from Scott's Thriftway (dated through March) are being collected at Falun to benefit the Lindsborg Children's Center.

## "Church Basement Ladies" Hot Dish/Casserole Contest at Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre

The Crown Uptown Professional Dinner Theatre is proud to present the Wichita premiere of the hit musical comedy, **Church Basement Ladies**, live on stage April 10 through June 15, 2008.

In celebration of this premiere, Crown Uptown is looking for a few hot dish/casserole recipes for our buffet during the show. We will accept one recipe from each church, **which must be submitted no later than February 18th, 2008**. We will select the top 20 recipes on **February 23rd**. The 20 semifinalists will receive a certificate for dinner and show for two. We will then ask the 20 semifinalists to prepare the dish for our panel of judges to taste on **Saturday, March 8th** at 2:30 p.m., here at the theatre. This panel will determine the 10 winning recipes. *After the contest, we will produce a cookbook with every recipe (along with the name of the person who submitted the recipe and church they represent) entered in the contest, to be sold during Church Basement Ladies.*

Please send your recipes to: Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre; "Church Basement Ladies Recipe Contest"; 3207 E. Douglas; Wichita, KS 67218; or email (in Word document) to [lynda@crownuptown.com](mailto:lynda@crownuptown.com).

Performances are Thursday through Sunday evenings with four select Thursday matinees on April 17, May 1, May 15 and May 29. (Additional matinees may be added) Group rates are available. For reservations call 316-681-1566.

## Power Hour Parenting Luncheon

Power Hour Parenting Luncheon is a parent education program designed for working parents, stay-at-home parents, grandparents and anyone who works with children. Today's parents are looking for positive advice. Parents have the most important responsibility on earth.

In the workshop, participants will network with other parents while receiving an hour of convenient parent education offered in a supportive environment that will enhance parenting skills and offer corresponding power to do the job. Issues dealing with children in 3rd through 12th grades will be the primary focus. Come have lunch and join in on this stimulating, educational workshop. Registration must be one week in advance of Feb. 4; Mar. 3; April 7 and May 5. Event will be held at 605 E. Crawford in Salina (Smoky Hill Education Service Center) from 11:30-1:00 p.m. Presenters are Marti Ash, Brenda McDaniel and Linda Talbott. The cost is \$30 individually or \$120 for all dates.

## P.E.T. Kansas

(Personal Energy Transportation)

Wheelchair's that go where wheelchairs can't go are manufactured in Moundridge, Kansas and sent to 60 countries including Viet Nam, Afghanistan, The Congo, Haiti, Zambia, Peru and South America. PETs are sturdy, simple and low cost. They are hand cranked, have wide tires for rough conditions, have a wood body for easy adjustments and come in child and adult sizes. They have been designed in response to the tragic loss of mobility in Zaire due to landmines, amputations, polio, etc. PET International, Inc. is a faith based charity and is tax deductible. There are a list of items which can be donated to them which are sent to the people receiving the PET wheelchairs

wheelchairs. That list appears on the back side of the front cover. An informational brochure is on the bulletin board of each church. For more information, please call Audrey Miller at 620-21-0590. She can see that donated items are taken to the the folks at the PET facility. More information on the organization can be accessed at [www.petinternational.org](http://www.petinternational.org).

## Angels Explained by Children

\*I only know the names of two angels. Hark and Harold (Gregory, age 5)

\*Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it. (Olive, age 9)

\*Angels work for God and watch over Kids when God has to go do something else. (Mitchell, age 7)

\*My guardian angel helps me with math, but he's not much good for science. (Henry, age 8)

\*Angels don't eat, but they drink milk from Holy Cows !  
(Jack, age 6)

\*Angels have a lot to do and they keep very busy. If you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through your window and leaves money under your pillow. Then when it gets cold, angels go north for the winter. (Sara, age 6)

\*Some of the angels are in charge of helping heal sick animals and pets. And if they don't make the animals get better, they help the child get over it. (Vicki, age 8)

\*What I don't get about angels is why, when someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them. (Sarah, age 7)

\* When an angel gets mad, he takes a deep breath and counts to ten. And when he lets out his breath, somewhere there's a tomado. (Reagan, age 10)

\*Angels talk all the way while they're flying you up to heaven. The main subject is where you went wrong before you got dead. (Daniel, age 9)

\*It's not easy to become an angel. First, you die. Then you go to heaven, and then there's still the flight training to go through. And then you got to agree to wear those angel clothes.

(Matthew, age 9)

**Deadline for March Newsletter Info is Wed. February 20th**